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Honors Humanities

**Quotation IDs**

Quotation IDs are one of the more important skills we will be working on this year. The goal of a quotation ID is to wring out the meaning of the quotation like water from a soaked washcloth. It is an essential skill to have as writer, because it helps one both to think through what a piece of writing means and to demonstrate that knowledge to someone else. Good quotation IDs are around one page long.

Quotation IDs in this class follow the following format:

1) locate the quotation within the book (set the scene, briefly)

2) paraphrase the quotation

3) discuss the structure of the passage (its shape or form)

4) discuss the important words (ones that give the quotation weight and life)

“To the desert go prophets and hermits; through the deserts go pilgrims and exiles. Here the leaders of the great religions have sought the therapeutic and spiritual values or retreat, not to escape but to find reality.”

-p. 25, *ITW*